

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...



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Information Form

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

Taylorsville Code Enforcement

The purpose of code enforcement is to protect the health and safety of the public, to foster neighborhood stability, to preserve the appearance, character and beauty of neighborhoods, to encourage community pride, to preserve the value of property, and to protect the general welfare of the city and its citizens, businesses and visitors.

What is Code Enforcement?

The City of Taylorsville has established local laws, called City Codes, which are designed to promote safe and attractive residential neighborhoods and commercial districts. To enforce these codes, the Taylorsville City Council has adopted by resolution the *Taylorsville Code Enforcement Policy*, which is intended to provide enforcement of City Codes in a responsible, fair, and impartial manner. A complete copy of the *Taylorsville City Code of Ordinances* and the *Taylorsville Code Enforcement Policy* is available on the Internet at:

- <http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov>

Educate Property Owners:

While the majority of residents obey City ordinances, there are instances where property owners violate one or more City Codes. Violations are often committed because the property owner simply does not know that a violation of City Code is occurring on their property. Because of this, *the first goal of ordinance enforcement is to educate property owners, residents, and business owners regarding codes that regulate private property*, usually through the use of a "courtesy notice" sent through the mail service.

How are Problems Reported?

Ordinance violations are brought to the attention of the City through a variety of sources such as field observations by City employees, reports from community service providers, and concerned residents. Common ordinance violations include excessive weeds, accumulation of junk or garbage, parking vehicles on landscaping, and improperly stored motor vehicles or parts. When the City receives a complaint, certain information must be obtained before the City can investigate a complaint. The most critical is the exact address of where the problem is occurring. Second is a description of the problem. This information is vital to the code enforcement program. Inadequate information may hinder the City's ability to verify a complaint. After receiving the proper information, the City will inspect the address. The inspection will look for any and all code violations.

How are Violations Treated?

If a violation is found, the property owner is sent a *courtesy notice*. The courtesy notice explains the purpose of City Codes and why adherence is important, identifies the code violation, and establishes a compliance deadline. The notice is used as an educational tool to inform the resident or business owner about a code that they may not have known about. The compliance deadline is typically 10 days, but can be less if the violation is an immediate threat to the health and safety of others or creates a dangerous situation.

What Happens if the Owner Fails to Comply?

If a property owner does not correct the violation as stated within the courtesy notice, the City has several options. Whichever option the City takes, a second notice is required by City Code. The second notice will state what must be done to correct the violation and what action the City will take if the violation is not corrected. If the violation is not corrected after the second notice, the City can choose one of the following options; file a criminal action; issue an administrative citation, assess a civil penalty, or correct the violation and attach the cost to the property taxes for the particular property.

Does the City Impose Fines for Violations?

Yes, civil or criminal fines may be assessed if the property owner fails to correct the violation. The fine amount will vary depending on the type of violation and on the enforcement action taken by the City to correct the violation. Civil fines accrue daily as they are assessed for each day a violation exists after the deadline passes.

Questions?

For questions regarding information contained within this form, or to report a possible violation in your neighborhood, please call the Community Development Department at 963-5400.